



# Sovereign Grace Church

**February 4th, 2024**

We gather together  
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and  
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

*Nursery available for 4 years old and younger*

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

(John 3:16)

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Is there...a possibility of eating of the bread, and drinking of the cup of the LORD unworthily? ...Beyond a doubt there may. Every one is, more or less, an unworthy receiver, who hath not an eye to Christ in the sacred service. The ordinance of the Supper is a spiritual feast. And he who is not spiritual, cannot, in truth, partake of it. None who are in the original state of unregeneracy, can be said to be worthy receivers. They may, indeed, with the body, partake of the bread and of the wine; but the soul of the unregenerate being, still dead in trespasses and sins, can perform no act of spiritual life, and, consequently, cannot receive the LORD's Supper worthily. [For] they discern not the LORD's body.

—Robert Hawker

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## Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

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## Announcements

### Fellowship Luncheon

Today after the service at Russo's Pizzeria at Valley Ranch in New Caney

### Sovereign Grace Church, New Caney / Grace Conference

Elio Chay, Pastor of Seguidores de Cristo,  
Dzidzantun, Mexico

*Friday, February 23rd @ 7:30 pm,*

*Saturday, February 24th @ 11 am,*

*Sunday, February 25th @ 11 am*

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## Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

## Grace Articles

### Attitude Towards Others

*“..let not the sun go down upon your wrath.” (Ephesians 4:26)*

**N**OTHING reveals the true state of my heart, my relationship with God, and my understanding of the gospel quite like my daily, general *attitude* toward others, toward God’s providence, and toward my lot in life. It is one thing to be discouraged occasionally, to get upset, to disagree with someone, to feel neglected, or even to withdraw for a time to reflect on the matters at hand. But it is quite another thing to *continue* in a negative attitude, pouting and feeling sorry for myself, neglecting to exhort and encourage others, and showing by my countenance and conduct that I am not happy with the way things are.

*“Let not the sun go down on thy wrath,”* clearly teaches that we are *not* to allow wrath, misunderstanding, nor bad feelings to continue! Let it be over when the day is over. Forgive as you are forgiven and give of yourself to make this difficult journey easier for others. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a family working together, living together, and functioning as one body for the glory of God and the good of the whole. It is very important that every member of that body be in harmony. I believe if a member is in harmony with the *Head*, he will certainly be in harmony with the rest of the body. Christ is not divided! “He that hath ears to hear, *let him hear.*”

— Henry Mahan

### Direct our hearts, LORD

*“And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.”*

(2 Thessalonians 3:5)

**D**ID our God love us in Christ before all worlds, and will He not now accept us in Christ, when He hath redeemed us from the world? Hath God our Father so loved us, as to give His dear Son for us, and “*will He not with Him freely give us all things?*” Hath the Son of God so loved us, as to give Himself for us; so loved us, as to die for us; so loved us, as to wash us from our sins in His own blood; and will He not acknowledge us for His own, when so loved, so purchased, and so cleansed from all our iniquities? And hath God the Holy Ghost so loved us as to quicken us, regenerate us, bring us under His continual renewings; make our bodies His temple, and daily taking of the things of Christ and shewing them to us? Surely He doth, He will “direct hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. He hath sealed us as the earnest of the promised inheritance unto the day of redemption!” [2 Thessalonians 3:5, Ephesians 1:13,14; 4:30]

— Robert Hawker

## Charity suffereth long...

*“... Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up...”*

(1 Corinthians 13:4)

**G**OD is love (1 John 4:16). In love to the elect for Christ's sake, our Lord is longsuffering. He is patient not rash, not quick to act. In Noah's day, the world was full of wicked sinners who hated God—*“every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”* (Genesis 6:5). But God was longsuffering. For whose sake? For Noah's sake! *“When once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water”* (1 Peter 3:20). Saul of Tarsus went years in his vain religion, hating God, being cruel to his people. But the Lord in love to Paul suffered long. Paul said, *“Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting”* (1 Timothy 1:16). Christ has not yet returned. He will not until the Spirit of God has granted every redeemed child repentance. *“The Lord...is longsuffering to us-ward, [the redeemed], not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”* Therefore *“account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation”* (2 Peter 3:9, 15).

Brethren, if we have the love of God in our heart we will not write men off. We will suffer long! Pray to God to bless the gospel to the hearts of those God loves. Wait on the Lord. If the Lord opens the door speak the gospel of Christ in love reminding one another of what great things the Lord has done for us. Christ fulfilled the law to make God's elect one. He *“is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us”* (Ephesians 2:14). Therefore, love does not build back the partition. Love always leaves the door open.

— Clay Curtis

## He Lifted Me!

*“I will extol Thee, O LORD; for Thou hast lifted me...”* (Psalm 30:1)

In loving kindness JESUS came—my soul in mercy to reclaim,  
And from the depths of sin and shame—through grace He lifted me.

From sinking sand He lifted me,—with tender hand He lifted me,  
From shades of night to plains of light,—O praise His name, He lifted me!

He called me long before I heard,—before my sinful heart was stirred,  
But when I took Him at His word,—forgiven He lifted me.

HIS brow was pierced with many a thorn,—His hands by cruel nails were torn,  
When from my guilt and grief, forlorn,—in love He lifted me.

Now on a higher plane I dwell,—and with my soul I know 'tis well;  
Yet how or why, I cannot tell,—He should have lifted me.

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